

rule of procedure under 5 U.S.C. section 553(b)(A). Alternatively, DOE's implementation of this action without opportunity for public comment, effective immediately upon publication today in the **Federal Register**, is based on the good cause exceptions in 5 U.S.C. section 553(b)(B) and 553(d)(3). Seeking public comment is impracticable, unnecessary and contrary to the public interest. The temporary 60-day delay in effective date is necessary to give DOE officials the opportunity for further review and consideration of new regulations, consistent with the Assistant to the President's memorandum of January 20, 2001. Given the imminence of the effective date, seeking prior public comment on this temporary delay would have been impractical, as well as contrary to the public interest in the orderly promulgation and implementation of regulations. The imminence of the effective date is also good cause for making this action effective immediately upon publication.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

10 CFR Part 490

RIN 1904-AB00

Alternate Fuel Transportation Program; Biodiesel Fuel Use Credit

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Final rule; delay of effective date.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the memorandum of January 20, 2001, from the Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff, entitled "Regulatory Review Plan," published in the **Federal Register** on January 24, 2001 (66 FR 7702), this action temporarily delays for 60 days the effective date of the rule entitled "Alternate Fuel Transportation Program; Biodiesel Fuel Use Credit" published in the **Federal Register** on January 11, 2001 (66 FR 2207).

DATES: The effective date of the rule amending 10 CFR part 490 published in the **Federal Register** at 66 FR 2207, January 11, 2001 is delayed for 60 days, from February 12, 2001, until April 13, 2001.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: To the extent that 5 U.S.C. section 553 applies to this action, it is exempt from notice and comment because it constitutes a rule of procedure under 5 U.S.C. section 553(b)(A). Alternatively, DOE's implementation of this action without opportunity for public comment, effective immediately upon publication today in the **Federal Register**, is based on the good cause exceptions in 5 U.S.C. section 553(b)(B) and 553(d)(3). Seeking public comment is impracticable, unnecessary and contrary to the public interest. The temporary 60-day delay in effective date is necessary to give DOE officials the opportunity for further review and consideration of new regulations, consistent with the Assistant to the President's memorandum of January 20, 2001. Given the imminence of the effective date, seeking prior public comment on this temporary delay would have been impractical, as well as contrary to the public interest in the orderly promulgation and implementation of regulations. The imminence of the effective date is also good cause for making this action effective immediately upon publication.

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10 CFR Part 719

48 CFR Parts 931 and 970

RIN 1990-AA27

Contractor Legal Management Requirements; Department of Energy Acquisition Regulation

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Final rule; delay of effective date.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the memorandum of January 20, 2001, from the Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff, entitled "Regulatory Review Plan," published in the **Federal Register** on January 24, 2001 (66 FR 7702), this action temporarily delays for 60 days the effective date of the rule entitled "Contractor Legal Management Requirements; Department of Energy

Acquisition Regulation" published in the **Federal Register** on January 18, 2001 (66 FR 4616).

DATES: The effective date of the rule adding 10 CFR part 719 and amending 48 CFR parts 931 and 970 published in the **Federal Register** at 66 FR 4616 on January 18, 2001, is delayed 60 days, from February 20, 2001, until April 23, 2001.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: To the extent that 5 U.S.C. section 553 applies to this action, it is exempt from notice and comment because it constitutes a rule of procedure under 5 U.S.C. section 553(b)(A). Alternatively, DOE's implementation of this action without opportunity for public comment, effective immediately upon publication today in the **Federal Register**, is based on the good cause exceptions in 5 U.S.C. section 553(b)(B) and 553(d)(3). Seeking public comment is impracticable, unnecessary and contrary to the public interest. The temporary 60-day delay in effective date is necessary to give DOE officials the opportunity for further review and consideration of new regulations, consistent with the Assistant to the President's memorandum of January 20, 2001. Given the imminence of the effective date, seeking prior public comment on this temporary delay would have been impractical, as well as contrary to the public interest in the orderly promulgation and implementation of regulations. The imminence of the effective date is also good cause for making this action effective immediately upon publication.

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10 CFR Part 830

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Nuclear Safety Management

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Final rule; delay of effective date.